

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

To realize at low cost a liquid crystal display device which is thin and in which display on a single liquid crystal panel can be viewed in both ways, from the front and from the back. The liquid crystal display device includes a liquid crystal panel in which a liquid crystal layer is interposed between opposing substrates, and a polarizer and a reflection-polarizing plate provided so as to interpose the liquid crystal panel therebetween. The reflection axis of the reflection-polarizing plate is set in the same direction as a polarization direction of light that exits the liquid crystal panel after its polarization direction is changed in the liquid crystal layer, or a polarization direction of light that exits the liquid crystal panel without being changed in polarization direction in the liquid crystal layer. Due to this arrangement, a liquid crystal display device can be provided which is thin and capable of displaying on both the front side and the back side.